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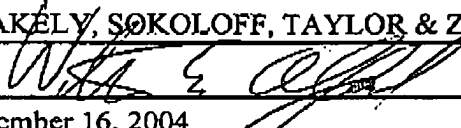
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Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
25	4	50.00	200.00
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Multiple Dependent

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description
Fee Code (R)	Fee Code (R)	
1202 50	2202 25	Claims in excess of 20
1201 200	2201 100	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 380	2203 180	Multiple Dependent claim, if not paid
1204 300	2204 150	**Reissue Independent claims over original patent
1205 300	2205 150	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet
2053 130	2053 130	Non-English specification
1251 120	2251 60	Extension for reply within first month
1252 450	2252 225	Extension for reply within second month
1253 1,020	2253 510	Extension for reply within third month
1254 1,590	2254 795	Extension for reply within fourth month
1255 2,160	2255 1,080	Extension for reply within fifth month
1401 500	2401 250	Notice of Appeal
1402 500	2402 250	Filing a brief in support of an appeal
1403 1,000	2403 500	Request for oral hearing
1451 1,510	2451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding
1460 130	2460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner
1807 50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a)
1806 180	1806 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
1809 790	1809 395	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed on 08/16/2004,
please enter the following amendments and remarks in the above-
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SPECIFICATION amendment begins on page 2.

CLAIM listing begins on page 4.

REMARKS begin on page 15.

CONCLUSION with signature is on page 22.

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